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Interview 10 (Recorder A11)

Where, when: La Corona, 6.10.2008

Who: A woman working with the tourism development

Duration: 20 minutes

Question: How did the tourism development start in the community?

Answer: We started 3-4 years ago. We did not have rooms or beds at that point. I thought that we can not attend them good because the house and the food is not good. Maybe it is too loud here. (now there is a dog barking too). Maybe they cannot sleep. But this noise have not bothered a lot. We got money and loans so we were able to build the room and mosquito nets. We have never used mosquito nets before. We started this with T. Now I have 2 beds.

Question: Was there resistance in the community?

Answer: Everything has gone good! We have had access to horses and food and everything, and the people in the community help with these things too.

Question: Situation now

Answer: Now we have more knowledge. We can make a lot of different foods for them. Now we have more contacts with them. We have more opportunities, as we have made the houses nicer as more people have come. Before it was better when Cecocafe was in charge of organizing the visits. It was better for La Corona.

Question: What have been the positive things?

Answer: When they come, we are happy and ready waiting for them. Right now the kids sleep in the room for tourists. But when the kids come here they already know that they have to go to sleep in another room. It is really nice to cook with the guests and make nacatamals. It is something special for us too! We feel happy because the cooperative has helped us and they have given us this opportunity and this helps with more members in the cooperative. It has been a nice experience as we have had possibility to get to know new people and cultures. The Ts bring their pictures from their countries and their families and it is very nice to see them! To get to know their culture. This is a nice opportunity. And the food – we eat here everything, but there are gringos that do not

everything. They have to eat soya and fruits and vegetables. Sometimes they do not speak Spanish and it is funny, because we have to speak with mimics. But they who speak better, we can have nice conversations with them. Ts ask a lot about religion. We are adventists. We do not listen to